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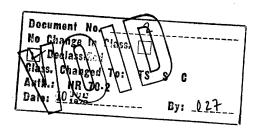
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- In the middle of August 1950 calls to maneuvers were issued in the Zagreb Military Sector to six age groups of reservists, ending with the 36 year old age group. Those summoned were to report within 48 hours at the place indicated on the summons card.
- Inductees from the Zagreb Sector were to be dispatched to Slavonia, and those from the Rijeka Sector to Bosnia. After a training period of one month, the men are then stationed in various garrisons along the border (men from the Zagreb Sector are sent to the Hungarian and Austrian border) where so called Battalions of Reservists are formed.
- 3. The above order had a very unfavorable effect upon the peasants of Slavonia and Hrvatsko Zagorje, where summer field work was under way. In order to assure harvest of the crop, workers' brigades were organized in the cities, including men from 14 to 60 years of age and women without children from 14 to 40 years of age. These brigades are employed in agricultural work in those fields from which men have been called to maneuvers. These workers brigades have been mobilized by force and contain urban elements not accustomed to field labor, and their efficiency consequently is low. As a result of this sudden call to maneuvers, a very poor harvest and greater starvation can be anticipated.

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